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"Fired Our Last Verrey Light" Dakota Survivors' Rescue Drama Story JUST IN TIME

"WE FIRED OUR LAST VERREY CARTRIDGE JUST AS WE SAW THE NAVIGATION LIGHTS OF H.M.S. TENACIOUS," SAID FLIGHT LIEUTENANT RICHARD HENDAL, ONE OF THE SURVIVORS OF FRI DAY'S DAKOTA MISHAP, IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE "CHINA MAIL" LAST NIGHT. FLIGHT LIEUT. HENDAL WAS THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE SIX SURVIVORS, WHO WERE BROUGHT SAFELY INTO HONG KONG BOARD TENACIOUS IN THE COURSE OF THE AFTER NOON.

HIMMLER WAS YELLOW

NUERNBERG, JAN. 6. HEINRICH HIMMLER, THE ONCE DREADED CHIEF OF THE S.S. GUARD, WAS PICTURED TO-DAY AS A FUMBLING COWARD WHO "SLOWLY CAME APART" AND SPENT THE LAST DAYS OF HIS LIFE AS A SHIVERING WRECK WITH A VIAL OF POISON CONSTANTLY AT HIS FINGERTIPS.

Otto Ohlendorf, Himmler's former aide, said in an interview that the former Gestapo Chief lived in a tiny cottage on the outskirts of Nuremberg during the final days of the Third Reich and hoped in vain to make a deal which would save his life. Himmler committed suicide on May 23, 1945, three days after his capture by the British, by swallowing the contents of his poison vial.

Ohlendorf, a witness at the war crimes trial, said that Himmler sent Walter Schottberger, Chief of the Foreign Intelligence Service for the Security Police, to Sweden to try and convince the western powers that the S.S. was the only group remaining which could maintain order in Germany.

Ohlendorf said: "I was with him in Flensburg and he was bent on saving himself through artificial intrigue but always with a vial of potassium cyanide at his finger tips."

Ohlendorf said Himmler once plotted in a climb to power to overthrow Hitler but he was turned back by fear of Hermann Goering.

Associated Press.

Lorry-Tramcar Collision

A collision between a motor lorry and a tramcar occurred in Queen's Road East near Arsenal Street yesterday afternoon, fortunately with no casualties, though several passengers suffered shock. The tram was travelling towards the east at full speed when the lorry, coming out of Arsenal Street, smashed into it head on. The front of the tram was badly damaged.

Traffic was held up for 20 minutes, before the tram was taken in tow and taken back to the depot for repair.

A similar accident occurred at about 8 p.m. on Saturday, when another tram was damaged as the result of a collision with a Naval truck outside the Royal Naval Dockyard in Queen's Road East.

HUGE FIRES RAGE IN SAIGON

Saigon, Jan. 6. The British Authorities revealed to-day that six out of twenty-four warehouses unaccountably estimated to contain 20,000 metric tons of rubber—also involved in a fire caused by Nationalists when they attacked the dumps guarded by Japanese outside the British perimeter near Ben Ken, 18 miles Northeast of Saigon.

Both Japanese and Nationalists suffered casualties.

Several other fires, observed near Saigon, are also believed to be in warehouses containing rubber and fears are growing that the destruction of rubber by the Nationalists may have a most serious effect on Indo-China's future economy.—Reuter.

He declined to discuss the circumstances of the mishap, pointing out that there would, in the normal course of events, be an official inquiry, but he was able to tell how the plane was "ditched" at 9.10 a.m. on Friday morning, in a very heavy sea, and how they spent 11½ exhausting hours in the water until 8.45 p.m. when they were rescued by H.M.S. Tennicus.

By this time, it was pitch dark, all six of the survivors were too feeble to help themselves, and although Tennicus threw out two lines, they had eventually to be pulled on board.

DINGHIES LASHED TOGETHER

The six survivors—Flight Lieutenant Hendal, Flying Officer John Tuck, W.O. "Spud" Taylor, Flight Sergeant Brian Jones, Sub-Lieut. W.D. Bennett, R.N., and L.A.C. G. Jann, an Australian—Chinese, were found clinging to three dinghies, lashed together for safety, with such heavy seas that along side the destroyer they were on moment 25 feet below her and the next up to within two feet of her deck.

"Another two hours, and we wouldn't have had a chance," Flight Lieutenant Hendal told the "China Mail".

The crashed roughly 175 miles to the south-west of Hong Kong, but drifted a considerable distance and when picked up were within 25 miles of Hainan Island.

PHILIP PRAISE

Once aboard "Tennicus" they were given hot drinks, pyjamas and a vigorous rub-down, and all were full of praise for the attention they received. "We were wonderfully treated and now are scarcely a bit worse for the experience."

On arrival in Hong Kong, the Air Force members of the party went to the Arlington Hotel, and straight to bed, while Sub-Lieut. Bennett went on board H.M.S. Duke of York.

BIG HAUL BY ARMED ROBBERS

A haul of money and jewellery estimated at \$10,000 was gathered when six armed robbers forced an entrance into No. 1, Gap Road, shortly after 8 p.m. last night.

A Milder Spell

To-day's weather forecast:—Breezy at first, becoming fair in the afternoon; light easterly winds; outlook, becoming cloudy and milder.

Yesterday's temperatures were: Maximum: 69 degrees at 6 p.m. Minimum: 48 degrees at 6 a.m.

H.K. And Canton: Customs Duties

A CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION IN CANTON RENDERS LIABLE TO EXPORT DUTY ALL GOODS EXPORTED TO HONG KONG BY SHIPS OF WHATEVER NATIONALITY AND IRRESPECTIVE OF THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF THE GOODS.

The memo notification stipulates that all imports from Hong Kong, irrespective of the origin of the goods or the nationality of the ship carrying the goods, are liable to import duty.

Native or foreign goods exported by Chinese vessels from Canton to another Chinese port, passing through Hong Kong without transshipment, are, however, exempt from duty as before.

News of this decision has caused some concern in commercial circles in Hong Kong, as in order to secure duty-free shipments to and from other parts of China may avoid Hong Kong as a transshipment centre.

It also gives preferential treatment to ships flying the Chinese flag.

CAIRO SHOOTING

Cairo, Jan. 6. The former Egyptian Finance Minister, Osman Pasha, was wounded to-night by an unknown assailant who shot him in the shoulder, as he was entering the "Old Egyptian Club." Two shots were fired at him.

Pasha is now a member of the Egyptian Senate.

Manila Troops Protest

Manila, Jan. 6. A War Department announcement that shipments of men home would be reduced by half, angered soldiers to-day until military police had to break up at least one protest march.

Other servicemen's groups planned to carry their protests personally to congressional committees which are scheduled to visit Manila on Pacific tours. Half a dozen outbursts issued mimeographed calls for action by enlisted men, urging a concerted campaign of letters to Congress.

Several thousand men started to march to the headquarters of Lieut. Gen. W.D. Styer, commander of army forces in the western Pacific, but they were dispersed by M.P.'s before reaching their goal. The Military Police broke up the mob on Quezon Bridge where traffic was held up for half an hour. Associated Press.

SLIM SUMMERVILLE PASSES

Laurel Beach, Calif., Jan. 6. George "Slim" Summerville, 54, famous motion picture actor and director died at his home last night.

Summerville was once a member of the famed Keystone Company and featured in a series of comedies. Associated Press.

Unmarried Mother M. P. To Carry On

COPENHAGEN, JAN. 6. MISS INGER MERETE NORDENTOFT, UNMARRIED MOTHER-TO-BE AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WILL RETAIN HER SCHOOL TEACHING JOB, BUT WILL TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNTIL AFTER HER BABY IS BORN IN APRIL. COPENHAGEN'S SCHOOL DIRECTOR SAID THE SCHOOL BOARD HAD DECIDED TO RETAIN THE 42-YEAR-OLD MISS NORDENTOFT IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. SHE IS PRINCIPAL OF ONE OF THE CITY'S LARGEST SCHOOLS.

Miss Nordentoft, who threatened to appeal to the highest court if the Board suspended her, said: "I feel that, by not trying to hide anything and by letting the authorities decide, I have done something to help other unmarried women who want children."

Only recently elected as a Communist Member of Parliament, Miss Nordentoft was informed of the Board's decision during a pause between two meetings of Parliament.

"I am very glad to hear about the School Board's decision," she said. "However, ever since this case started I have had the same feeling I had when I was informed by the Germans: I know I was right so it did not matter so much what the authorities decided."

NO NERVES

Asked if she was as unnerfed as the school teacher said, "absolutely not. You know, when you have had Gormans in the country for five years you almost lose your nerves, and anyway they have played no role in this case."

I was right to get my child in a question that concerns the public," she said. "That will be something my child and I will discuss sometime. But since the story has been so widely printed, I must admit that I am not sorry I am playing the main role." Associated Press.

CHINA CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT

CHUNGKING, JAN. 6. CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON THE PROCEDURE FOR ENDING HOSTILITIES AND RESTORING COMMUNICATIONS IN STRIFE-TORN CHINA, AN OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT SAID TO-DAY.

REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH FACTIONS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO CONFER ON STEPS TO CARRY OUT THE "CEASE FIRE" ARRANGEMENTS. GENERAL MARSHALL, THE SPECIAL AMERICAN ENVOY, CONFERRED YESTERDAY WITH LEADERS OF BOTH FACTIONS IN PAVING THE WAY FOR THE ACCORD.

The agreement, which may be of far-reaching consequence to China, was reached in a 75-minute conference. Information Minister K. C. Wu said Gen. Chiang Chun, governor of Szechwan Province, would represent the Government and Chou En-lai the Communist party in further conferences on the ending of hostilities.

All quarters consider General Marshall's presence in Chungking to be a strong contributing factor to the outcome of yesterday's meeting.

If effected before the unity conference which is scheduled to open on January 10, the prospective truce would be a happy augury for the conference, which will try to settle all outstanding issues between the Government and Communists and clear the road for unification and the peaceful reconstruction of China.

Those issues cover a wide field of Communist demands: maintenance of an army by the Communists, the widening of the government's political base, elections before the convening of the national assembly, the continuance of Communist local authority in sectors where they now dominate, and other points. Associated Press.

NO DETAILS

Minister Wu said the Communist request for lifting of the blockade of Communist areas and halting of the Government troops' thrust into Liao was raised at the meeting, but declined to give details. (Continued on Page 6)

NAZI 'WEREWOLVES' PROWLING BAVARIA

MUNICH, JAN. 6. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT WEREWOLVES ARE AT WORK IN BAVARIA. IN MORE THAN ONE PLACE RECENTLY, THE WEREWOLF BADGE—A PLASTIC CIRCLE WITH A WOLF'S HEAD AND THE LETTER "W"—HAS BEEN FOUND. HERE AND THERE THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE MEN HAVE BEEN MURDERED. SOME OF THEM WERE AMERICANS. OTHERS WERE KNOWN AS ANTI-NAZIS.

The whole territory is a mass of rumours—rumours on the possibility of war between Britain and the United States and the Soviet Union, with Germany as the ally of one or the other, rumours that the Red Army is to take over the whole of Bavaria rumours that the Soviet Union intends to occupy the whole of Germany and drive out the Allies by force, if necessary, rumours that the Americans, who have their own food sent from home are to "live off the country" and cause a famine in Bavaria, the only comparatively well-fed area in Germany.

Dr. Earl Hoegner, the Social Democrat Minister, President of Bavaria, says that these rumours can be directly attributed to the Nazis who state them so cleverly that the most fantastic rumours sound feasible and are believed even by intelligent people.

DISQUIETING ACTIVITY

He described the activities of the Nazis, who have been driven underground as a result of stringent measures to round them up and despoil the territory, as "very dangerous and disquieting."

That there are numbers of old Nazi stalwarts who escaped the net spread for them by the Americans as they pushed south into Bavaria and Austria in the last days of the advance that ended the war, is only too obvious.

Over and over again, prisoners giving evidence at the Dachau trial, for example, have told how they were forced to haul southwards trucks containing luggage belonging to Nazi S.S. and other high party officials.

In every instance, the luggage contained civilian clothes, presumably for the owners to don when they reached a place of safety.

NEVER CAUGHT

Large numbers of these men have never been caught. It may be supposed that they took care to provide themselves not only with sufficient sums of ready cash stowed away in suitable hiding places but also with false identity papers and means to pass themselves off as good anti-Nazis.

While de-nazification is proceeding apace in Bavaria, and the law ordering the automatic dismissal of every Nazi Party member from any administrative post he may hold is being carried out, no means has yet been found to deal effectively with the hundreds and thousands of Party members thus displaced.

Angry and embittered, they swell the ranks of the Nazis who have gone underground and may, sooner or later, become a considerable force with whom the occupying forces will have to reckon.

The American authorities and the German police are at present studying earnestly the problem of how to prevent those Germans from going underground, whence they can continue to spread Nazi doctrine and direct activity which at present takes the form of sabotage and subtle propaganda and a whispering campaign against the occupying forces.—Reuter.

Russia Jibs At Bretton Woods

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. A STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TO-DAY THAT RUSSIA HAS NOTIFIED THE UNITED STATES THAT IT WILL NOT SIGN THE BRETTON-WOODS AGREEMENTS UNTIL IT HAS HAD MORE TIME TO STUDY THEM. The spokesman said that this stand was made known to the U.S. Ambassador in Moscow, Mr. Averell Harriman.

Up to to-day, thirty-five countries have signed the agreement which sets up a multi-million dollar bank and a Fund to stabilize world currencies.

In order to join the organization now, Russia must first get the approval of a Bretton Woods board of directors yet to be appointed.—Associated Press.

HARRIMAN RUMOUR

Washington, Jan. 6. The President's Press Secretary, Charles G. Ross, said to-day that as far as he knew Mr. Averell Harriman had not resigned as Ambassador to Russia and added that he knew of no plans to replace him.

His observations were in response to questions about published reports that Harriman is expected to return to the United States with prospects that he will not go back to Moscow.—Associated Press.

MAFEO CRITICALLY WOUNDED

A mafio from the Jockey Club stables, understood to be a Shanghai man was critically wounded last night in King Kwong Street, Happy Valley. He was shot by an unknown Chinese at about 7 p.m. and was taken to hospital in a dangerous condition.

Only one shot was fired and the bullet entered the abdomen.

AN AFTER BREAKFAST STORY

Katagaya, Jan. 6. American military officers to-day said that trial will begin in a few days of a woman accused of slaying, disfiguring and serving at dinner her 17-year-old female step-daughter.

Captain James H. Hebertson said the extreme case of cannibalism occurred on March 20, 1945 and was prompted by hunger of the woman who was already mentally warped. Associated Press.

Girls Weren't Smuggled But Just Went

Manila, Jan. 6. Maj. Gen. Clements McMullen, Far East air service commander, told the Associated Press to-day that 16 Australian girls were brought to Manila to meet an acute personnel problem caused by the sudden return home of all enlisted women serving under his command.

"They were not 'smuggled,'" he asserted, in replying to reports that the Australian Premier had used that expression in calling for an investigation. "The girls were all clerical employees in our Brisbane rear echelon headquarters."

He explained the girls were brought to Manila without passports because it takes too long to obtain them. He said pre-arranged departure from Brisbane is a common procedure to enable transport planes to make the long trip in two days avoiding night flying.

He said the girls would be returned to Australia as soon as the air service command training school trains enough Filipino women to take over key positions. Associated Press.

Love Triangle Tragedy

Enid, Oklahoma, Jan. 6. An eulogy prepared by an unnamed buddy praising the generosity of Captain Eugene Dale to his men during his imprisonment following the fall of Bataan was read at the funeral services for the 27-year-old officer.

The young Ministerial student who read the eulogy, and conducted the services, the Reverend James Brown, omitted to mention the cause of the Captain's death from gun shots received in a New York City apartment, as a result of a love triangle.

Mrs. Fay Hancock Miller, the woman in the triangle, accompanied by the Captain's mother, Mrs. C. E. Dale, attended the service.

Captain Archie Miller is the estranged husband now awaiting trial for homicide.

Dale was buried in uniform, including his multiple decorations. Associated Press.

Truman Criticised As A Leftist

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. PRESIDENT TRUMAN WAS ACCUSED YESTERDAY BY A SENATE REPUBLICAN LEADER WITH HAVING TURNED FROM BELIEF IN FREE ENTERPRISE TO "LEFT WING" ECONOMIC VIEWS.

Senator Taft, Ohio Republican, declared: "Half the Democrats and most Republicans" in Congress disagree with the domestic views outlined in the President's address to the nation because "he has chosen to follow the C.I.O. (Congress of Industrial Organisation) course on every economic measure except his fact-finding labour proposal."

Taft added that, as a result, "the Democratic Party was hopelessly split" and the President's legislative recommendations are stalled despite the Party's majority in Congress and in the committees which control the flow of legislation.

Taft's broadcast statement was in reply to President Truman's radio appeal on Thursday night for the people to apply pressure on Congress in behalf of legislation which the President said was vital.

Many congressmen expressed resentment against what they interpreted as criticism of Congress by the President. Some Democrats joined in the criticism of Truman's address.—Associated Press.

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

New York, Jan. 6. The Fordham University seismograph to-day recorded a severe earthquake, estimated to have been between the Solomon Islands and Burma. Associated Press.

China's 60th Army To Go To Manchuria

Shanghai, Jan. 6. China's new 60th Army, American-trained and largely American-equipped, will start on its way to Manchuria aboard U.S. ships in a week or ten days, Lieut-General Wedemeyer, Commander-in-Chief, of the American forces in China, disclosed to-day at a press conference.

He said the U.S. Navy was making a large number of L. S. T.s and other craft available for transportation of approximately 20,000 men from the Shanghai area to the port of Hulian and if weather conditions prevented landing there they would be debarked to Chingwangtao where the Chinese 13th and 62nd armies were put ashore nearly two months ago. These troops have advanced overland into Manchuria with little Communist opposition.

The tough new 60th Army is now being prepared for the move, fitted with winter equipment and being inoculated.

Wedemeyer said the new troops will be better than the Kuomintang forces whose forward elements are now roughly 25 miles from Mukden. The general said there was no information as to plans to move on to Harbin. Questioned as to what was causing the slowdown of the Kuomintang advance on Mukden the general said he honestly had no idea but was planning to go North to find out himself except that he was now awaiting the arrival of War Secretary Patterson early next week. Associated Press.

Konoye Suicide Legend De-Bunked

NEW YORK, JAN. 6. THE N.Y. TIMES IN AN EDITORIAL TO DAY ON PRINCE KONOYE'S PRE-SUICIDE "LEGEND," SAID THAT THE PRINCE HAD ADMITTED IN ADVERTISING THAT HE HAD SOUGHT TO AVOID WAR BECAUSE HE THOUGHT JAPAN TOO WEAK TO EFFECT THE GREATER EAST ASIA CO-PROSPERITY SPHERE BY FORCE.

THE "TIMES" SAID: "LIKE MANY OTHER STATES MEN CONTEMPLATING THE RUINS CAUSED BY THEIR POLICIES, KONOYE PENNED SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEATH AN APOLOGIA IN WHICH HE PUTS THE BLAME FOR THE PACIFIC WAR AND THE DISASTER TO HIS COUNTRY UPON EVERYBODY EXCEPT HIMSELF."

The paper discussed Konoye's claimed attempts to reach an agreement with the United States on China and Manchuria. It said that Konoye was not too

Indonesia Appoints Its Propagandist

Batavia, Jan. 6. Amir Sjarifuddin has resigned as Minister of Information in the Cabinet of the unrecognized Indonesian Government and was replaced by Mohammed Natsir, former member of the Indonesian National Cabinet. It was reported to-day, Sjarifuddin retained the portfolio of Minister of Security and has moved his headquarters to Jemberkarta, a town near the Peace Preservation Corps which he directs.

The Exchange Telegraph said in a Melbourne dispatch that Lieut-General L. H. Van Oyen resigned as Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch forces in the Netherlands East Indies because he disagreed with the policy of the Dutch Government regarding Java.

Premier Sultan Sjarif of the unrecognized Indonesian government meanwhile announced that the Japanese have selected the port of Cheribon on the north Java coast, 125 miles east of Batavia for the concentration of their troops pending their removal by the British.—Associated Press.

GROZA TRIES TO BACK OUT

Bucharest, Jan. 6. The Government of Premier Petru Groza is reported to have refused to accept the candidates which opposition parties have named for Government posts under the terms of the agreement reached at the Moscow Foreign Ministers' Conference.

The agreement specified that Rumania's present leftist Government should be broadened as a preliminary to holding of free and unfettered elections.

The opposition parties were said to have taken the position that the approval of their candidates rested with the Big Three Commission now in Rumania to supervise the elections and not with the Groza Government.

Of the Big Three, only Russia recognizes the Groza Government.—Associated Press.

ECHOES OF THE HOMMA TRIAL

Ex-Internee Journalist Reveals New Facts

Volunteer Offer Rejected

(By Ray Cronin).

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 6. GENERAL HOMMA'S TRIAL IN MANILA FOR THE ATROCITIES OF THE BATAAN "MARCH OF DEATH" BRINGS BACK TO AN EX-INTERNEE MEMORIES OF HOW WE HEARD ABOUT IT IN SANTO TOMAS CAMP AND HOW THE JAPANESE COMMAND REJECTED OUR EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE VICTIMS OF THE HORRIBLE ORDEAL.

TWO FILIPINO BOYS WHO WORKED FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS BRAVED THE JAPANESE GUARDS AT SANTO TOMAS TO BRING EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNTS OF THE INFAMOUS MARCH. THEY TOLD OF WOUNDED AND SICK AMERICANS AND FILIPINOS PINNED TO THE GROUND WITH JAPANESE BAYONETS BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T WALK, AND OF OTHERS LEFT TO DIE OF THIRST IN THE BURNING TROPICAL SUN, AND OF PROMISCUOUS KILLINGS OF OTHER KINDS.

At first the civilians of Santo Tomas appealed to the Japanese General Staff, headed by General Homma, to allow us to send medicine and food to the military prisoners. The reply was an order decreeing death to any person aiding a military prisoner in any way.

It was then that we appealed

to Homma and his staff, through the American chairman of our camp, to permit us to raise a volunteer corps of able-bodied American civilians from the Santo Tomas population to corps that would surrender itself into the military prison camp at Cabanatuan to nurse the wounded and sick.

Several hundred volunteered promptly. The U.S. Navy nurses, captured at Cavite, wanted to go along.

THOUGHT THEM CRAZY. The Japanese Command kicked the idea around for six weeks. First they sent word the volunteers were crazy to want to leave a civilian internment camp for life in a military prison camp—an admission that Cabanatuan was a hell hole, as its skeleton-like inmates later confirmed after their dramatic release by American Alamo Scouts.

The Japanese quickly rejected the suggestion that female nurses might be allowed to go. Japanese insistence that the volunteers were out of their minds in wanting to undertake such a mission caused me to send the High Command word that we were ready to sign papers relieving the Japanese of any responsibility for our well-being as civilians.

After a month and a half came the final decision: the volunteers would not be permitted to go on an errand of mercy to Cabanatuan, where, because of lack of attention, scores of American soldiers were dying daily.

SMUGGLING RING. Our answer to this refusal was establishment of a ring through which we smuggled medicines and other necessities from Santo Tomas to Cabanatuan. At the head of this ring was Tony Escoda, a Filipino, a newspaperman, graduate of Columbia university, pre-war editor of the Manila "Daily Bulletin."

He was the outside man who smuggled directly into Cabanatuan camp the contraband which could be slipped out of Santo Tomas.

The hazardous mission cost Tony his life, as well as the life of his American-educated wife, Joyce. They were executed by the Japanese.

Of the eleven original smugglers in the act, six are dead. Four of them died under Japanese swords. One was a victim of starvation. The sixth, suffering from malnutrition, failed to survive a suicidal operation.—Associated Press.

HOMMA'S CONTENTION

Manila, Jan. 6. The question of Manila having been declared an open city before the Japanese bombed it was brought up at the trial of Lieut-General Homma to-day before the American Military Commission.

Homma had contended that he had not been informed of General MacArthur's declaration until three days after Japanese bombers had pounded the capital.

A. L. Valencia, Associated Press reporter and Clarence Delalle, radio commentator, told of the last days of Manila when MacArthur declared it an open city to save it from destruction by Homma's forces.

Both testified that the "Open City" decree was broadcast in the English and Japanese languages and acknowledged in English by the Japanese radio before Homma's planes struck.—Associated Press.

TEXAS TORNADO DEATHROLL

Palestine, Texas, Jan. 6. The toll of East-Texas tornadoes rose Saturday to 21 dead and 137 injured and one missing as rescue squads toiled through mud and heavy rains in search of additional casualties. The twisters left trails of wreckage in four east Texas counties.—Associated Press.

Mahatma Raises Ghost

New Delhi, Jan. 6. Press dispatches from Bengal quote the Mahatma Gandhi as declaring, in a speech, that he believed Subhas Chandra Bose, Japan's puppet in the Indian nationalist movement during the war, is still alive and awaiting a propitious time to reappear. Bose was reported by Tokyo in mid-1945 to have been killed in an airplane crash.—Associated Press.

NEW VERSION OF BOXER INDEMNITY?

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. A PLAN TO USE AMERICAN WAR SURPLUSES OVERSEAS TO FINANCE AN EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS IS SCHEDULED FOR SENATE ACTION SOON.

Chairman Ebert Thomas, Democrat, of Utah, said that a Senate military affairs subcommittee will conduct hearings on the proposal urged by the State Department.

Senator Fulbright, a former student at Oxford under the Rhodes scholarships, said he introduced legislation last month concerning the State Department plan and had asked public hearings early in 1946.

Fulbright's bill would give the State Department title to war-time surpluses now located in England, France, China, Australia and numerous other nations around the world.

"I doubt that we ever will be able to collect anything for these surpluses in dollars," Fulbright told a reporter.

He said his bill would permit the State Department to take credit in foreign currencies. These credits then could be used to send United States citizens to the foreign country for study, or to allow foreign students to come to this country.

"At least we would get something of value under the plan," Fulbright said.

Both Thomas and Fulbright called attention to the fact that the United States had used its share of indemnity from the Boxer Rebellion in China to finance study by Chinese students.—Associated Press.

G.I.s Clutter Up The Colleges

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. THE UNITED STATES IS HEADED FOR THE GREATEST EDUCATIONAL JAM IN HISTORY AS THOUSANDS OF RETURNING WAR VETERANS SWAMP COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WITH ENROLLMENT APPLICATIONS.

Already 125,000 veterans, financed under the GI Bill of Rights, are in college classes and 207,000 more have applied for entrance.

Dr. E. Brown, Staff Associate of the American Council on Education, predicted in an interview that more than 600,000 will be in colleges and universities by autumn.

"This is creating a university crisis," said Dr. Brown. Thirty per cent of veterans are married. Ten per cent have children. This is in sharp contrast to the situation before the war, when the great majority of students were single.

"The housing problem is greatest at present but I hope legislation now pending in Congress will be approved and will help the situation. It provides \$107,000,000 for moving laboratory work and defense housing to regions of greatest need."

Dr. Brown said that "big name" universities, and those in large urban areas were the first to be filled by returning G.I.s.

In addition to a substantial allowance, the veteran is given his tuition and books often expensed.—Associated Press.

DIDN'T BRING HOME A COCONUT

Toconia, Wash., Jan. 6. Lt. Marvin Morefield is back from the Pacific with a bronze star, lots of souvenirs and a worried look.

His son, Michael, three, waiting for him at his home in Seattle, wanted a coconut.

That was the one thing Morefield didn't have.—Associated Press.

JERSEY SAYS "IT'S AN ILL WIND...."

LONDON, JAN. 4. BECAUSE THE GERMANS OCCUPIED THE CHANNEL ISLANDS FOR FIVE YEARS, THE QUALITY OF JERSEY AND GUERNSEY PEDIGREE CATTLE MAY NOW BE BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE.

THE GERMANS SEEM TO HAVE LEFT THE HERDS VERY MUCH ALONE DURING THE OCCUPATION, ALONE, THAT IS, UNTIL AFTER D-DAY.

Then, with no possibility of getting food for their karrismos troops from France, and that karrismos swollen by three-quarters of the St. Malo karrismos after the American forces pressed on there, the Germans ordered his islanders to slaughter the cattle.

"But it didn't work out so badly," said Edward Ashby, secretary of the English Jersey Cattle Society. "The islanders set up a committee, and each herd in turn was required to produce an animal for the requirements of the karrismos. In this way a lot of second-class beasts got slaughtered and in consequence the herds are probably better than they would be if they had kept every heifer, as they certainly would have done in peacetime."

STANDARD MAINTAINED. In spite of great difficulties, the islanders managed to keep up the herds' standard.

Previously all cattle feed, besides the rich Jersey grass, had been imported from abroad. With the occupation the islanders began to plant roots on the island, and produced the crops themselves. Every able bodied young man had been taken away to Germany, but the old men, helped by the women, worked in both Jersey and Guernsey—the average age of those who looked after the cattle during the last five years was 60—the islanders' herded population, which in the case of Jersey alone is about 9,000 were fed and cared for.

CATTLE WILD. Guernsey had another headache, for it had all the Alderney herds too. That little island, evacuated at four hours notice one Sunday morning in early June, 1940, had shot most of its horses and dogs, and left the cattle wild as they fled.

But a few days later, and a mere three days before the Germans took Guernsey, the men went back in little boats and fetched off 400 animals which had been parcelled out among the Guernsey herds, and ultimately sold to them. It was impossible to keep the Alderney and Guernsey animals separate, but the states government have announced that they are shortly taking 200 head back to Alderney to repopulate the island with cattle.—Associated Press.

Join The Army And Avoid Strife

Santa Ana, Cal., Jan. 6. The highest paid Private in history is getting out after 10 years in the army. He is getting out after 10 years in the army. He is getting out after 10 years in the army.

Private Nevin R. Haudenshild, 35, has been drawing U.S. \$320 a month in dependent's allowance, "but it takes that to feed a little flock like mine," he said.

He enlisted last June, because, "frankly, it was a darned good way to support my family."

He trained at Shepard Field, Texas, and has been at the Santa Ana Army air base since allowances for children swelled his paycheck.

"It's going to be a tough pull to keep the family going after I get out," said Haudenshild.

SLYMAN'S COMMENT. New York, Jan. 6. Private Lawrence Slyman, father of 10 children, re-enlisted in the army with the comment: "I'm not doing too badly as a civilian, but I can do very much better financially in the army."

As a civilian he received \$52 weekly; in the army he said he would get about \$330 a month, counting allowances for his children.—Associated Press.

CIVILIAN JEEPS

Toledo, Jan. 6. Production of civilian jeeps will be resumed this month by Willys Overland Motors, Mr. W. B. Faris, Operations Manager, announced.

Production was halted for 12 weeks because of a strike at the Warner Gear Co., Muncie, Ind., which supplies transmissions for the jeeps.—Associated Press.

Japanese Cabinet And Purge

TOKYO, JAN. 6. PREMIER SHIDHARASU'S CABINET MET IN AN AFTERNOON SESSION THIS MORNING TO CONSIDER GENERAL MACARTHUR'S TWIN DIRECTIVES WHICH HEAVILY SHOOK JAPAN BY ORDERING THE OUSTING OF ALL PERSONS WHO HAD RESPONSIBILITY IN THE WAR.

Among the Cabinet, those who the newspapers said, came within the provisions of the directive.

The "Yomiuri" said that six Cabinet members should be removed and included Homma, Minister of War, and others.

The Cabinet was still in session shortly before noon and there was no indication what action would be taken.

Most informed sources believed the Cabinet might attempt to continue by ousting certain members and making new appointments without the entire Cabinet resigning. The Social-Democratic Party however has demanded the resignation of the entire Shidharasu Cabinet.

The newspaper "Asahi" in an editorial said that the Shidharasu Cabinet should be brought to answer for its lack of ability and "irresponsibility."—Associated Press.

Bozota, Jan. 6. The Foreign Ministry said today that Colombia has rejected Uruguay's proposal for multilateral intervention in affairs of the western hemisphere Republics for the purpose of protecting democratic ideals and the rights of man.—Associated Press.

China still has some occupation troops in Indo-China where they are also reported to have desired for a commercial outlet through Hainan.—Associated Press.

French Stick To Treaty Rights

Shanghai, Jan. 6. A French Government spokesman, defending the French arrest and deportation of a suspected pro-Nazi which drew the ire of the Chinese authorities, said to-day: "We cannot let China interfere with what we consider our extrajurisdictional rights."

"Until the new Sino-French Treaty is concluded and signed the old treaty is still valid and in force. The French authorities in China, therefore, have every right to arrest French nationals for collaboration with the enemy or for other crimes."

Dr. Lu Hsi-chan, of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, had protested formally to the French Consul-General, M. J. Filliol, against the arrest and removal from Shanghai to a French warship of Paul Carepin Tsoell, who is alleged to have collaborated with the enemy during the war.

The French spokesman said the new French Ambassador to China was due in Shanghai shortly and would expedite negotiations for the new treaty. The delay in starting talks was due partly to

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will communicate enquiries to that
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Nationalisation Menace THROWING AWAY A GREAT IMPERIAL ASSET

The British Empire is about to
abandon its primacy in world tele-
communications.
That in brief is the meaning of
the decision of the British and Do-
minion Governments, tacitly
announced by the Chancellor of the
Exchequer a little time ago, to
nationalise their several sectors of
the telecommunications network
now owned and operated by Cable
& Wireless Ltd. and its sub-
sidiaries.

This decision though vociferously
applauded by the socialists, in
direct Britain did not originate
with them.

The initiative came from certain
of the Dominions with the more or
less lukewarm acquiescence of
others and complaint mediation
from London.

Discussions began last year cul-
minated in a unanimous agree-
ment at the Commonwealth Tele-
communications Conference held in
London last July.

In contrast with the ample publi-
city which normally attends inter-
imperial negotiations conferences
and resolutions the process of ar-
rival at the impending momentous
revolution in the Empire's Cable
& Wireless services has been
shrouded by a studied and all but
total official secrecy.

Prior to Mr. Dalton's unheralded
statement in the House of Com-
mons on Nov. 1 not a word had
been published even as to the de-
cisions of the July Conference far
less as to its proceedings.

To-day after a lapse of five
months the sole official disclosure
is the 170 words of Mr. Dalton's
statement.

The public is being denied all
but the barest bones of informa-
tion. A more glaring and more
undemocratic application of the
method of the fait accompli could
scarcely be imagined.

The basic fact is that Cable &
Wireless Ltd. with ramifications
not only throughout the Empire
but over a great part of the out-
side world is about to be broken
up into six area units owned res-
pectively by the Governments of
the United Kingdom, the four over-
seas dominions and India.

No public explanation has ever
been given if any complaint has
ever been laid against either the
quantity or the quality of the ser-
vices provided by Cable & Wireless
the complainants have kept it
strictly to themselves.

If any suggestions has ever been
made or substantiated that a dif-
ferent form of organisation could
provide better or cheaper services
what too is hidden in darkness.
It can be stated without fear
of contradiction that the decision
to make the change has nothing to
do with service or efficiency it is
wholly political.

In so far as execution may have
been taken by any dominion to the
main control being located in Lon-
don there are two things to be said.
First all the Governments con-
cerned exerted their influence in
the determination of broad policy
through the medium of the Com-
monwealth Communications Coun-
cil whose approval was required
for all changes in rates or services
and similar matters.

Secondly local control within the
existing framework could have
been secured by the offer of the
company to sell to local holders its

shares in the subsidiary companies
through which its services are
operated in the various dominions.
Moreover if the view was taken
anywhere that a disproportionate
share in the revenues gravitated to
London this difficulty could have
been met by the Empire pooling
scheme which the Company offered
to establish.

What some but not all of the
Governments desired was not only
local control but also public owner-
ship.

That of course could only be
achieved by a fundamental change
and there can be little doubt that
this factor overruled every other
reason or argument for making the

BY
J. C. JOHNSTONE

change now in contemplation.
The Governments having accord-
ingly resolved to push Humpty
Dumpty off the wall then set to
work to put Humpty Dumpty to
rights again.

THE CENTRAL BOARD
The attempt is embodied in the
proposed new central board with
wide functions representing all the
Governments of the Common-
wealth to use the copiously unin-
formative phraseology of Mr. Dal-
ton's statement.

The Central Board it appears is
to comprise seven members that is
to say one each from the United
Kingdom, the four dominions and
India and one representing the Co-
lonial Empire.

Since the United Kingdom
Government is to own the Colonial
Empire system the position of the
last named member vis a vis his
six colleagues who will represent
proprietary rights seems somewhat
anomalous.

Moreover it is understood that
two of the dominion Governments
had signified their intention of
joining the Central Board only in
a consultative capacity.

Whether they have since mod-
ified their attitude is uncertain but
unless they have it is impossible to
see how the board could exercise
any executive functions at all.

AN INSOLUBLE DILEMMA
Let us however assume that
satisfactory arrangements have
been made as to the powers and
status of individual members.

We then come to a vital point of
procedure. May the decisions of
the Board be taken by a majority
or must they be unanimous?
In the first event the several
Governments would have acquired
sovereignty over their telecom-
munications only to surrender it
again to an over-riding body.

In the second event the Board
would be effectively hamstringed.
Delay and compromise would be
the order of the day.

In an attempt to escape from
this insoluble dilemma it has ap-
parently been decided that a ma-
jority vote is valid except in mat-
ters of government policy when
any member can interpose his veto.
This provision, however, is ren-
dered nugatory by the condition
that any member has the right to
claim any issue as a matter of
government policy which immedi-
ately restores the unanimity rule.

It is conceivable that such a
scheme may work better in prac-

tice than it might appear capable
of doing on paper.

It is wholly inconceivable that it
can work well as the unitary
system it is contrived to replace.
The scheme is in fact little more
than a flimsy facade concealing the
structural disintegration within.

EFFICIENCY MUST SUFFER
That a composite and ram-
shackle body of the kind proposed
will be able to assure an overall
administrative efficiency rivaling
the achievements of the existing
system can be dismissed as out of
the question.

The only direction in which it
might prove capable of salvaging
anything important from the
wreck of Cable & Wireless is re-
search.

A centralized Empire research
organisation is indeed essential if
the component units of the new
scheme are to have any hope of
keeping abreast of modern pro-
gress and American competition.

Worst of all any body of the
kind proposed will inevitably be in
a far less favourable position than Cable
& Wireless to resist the incessant
pressure of America to encroach
on British telecommunications ter-
ritory both inside and outside the
Empire.

I have no space to describe in
detail the devious means employed
in pursuit of this policy but one is
worth noting. Try to find out for
yourself before you read any more.

East was the criminal, and his
crime occurred at the second trick!
East could be quite sure that the
defence could win only two club
tricks, so it was necessary to look
for two other tricks to defeat the
contract. The King of diamonds
was one of them, but the other
had to be contributed by West. If
West had a trump trick, he would
get it without any help from East;
but if West had a heart trick, it
might be vital for East to help
establish it before South managed
to establish the diamonds.

Therefore East should have
played the Ace of clubs at the
second trick! Then he could re-
turn a heart, and South would be
unable to prevent the loss of a
heart trick as well as the inevit-
able diamond and two clubs.

Yesterday you were Merwin D.
Maiser's partner and, with both
sides vulnerable, you held:

S-K 5 3 2
H-Q J 6 4
D-7
C-K 6 5 8

The bidding:
Schenken Maier Jacoby You
1 H 2 D Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Pass. Your black
Kings will be useful to your part-
ner at a diamond contract; his
diamonds may be useless to you
at any other contract.
Score 100 per cent for pass; 30
per cent for two no-trump.

QUESTION

To-day you are Howard Schen-
ken's partner and, with both sides
vulnerable, you hold:

S-Q J 10 7 5
H-5 4 2
D-Q 9
C-K Q 5

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Maier You
1 H 2 D Dbl. (?)
What do you bid? (Answer
To-morrow).

actly computed but it is certainly
a major source of trouble.

THE ONE BENEFICIARY
When we come to inquire who
are the beneficiaries of the new
plan we see at once that it is not
the British Empire as a whole
since the raison d'être of the
change is to put sectional interests
first.

It is not the sectional interests
themselves since these stand to
lose more by the sacrifice of a com-
mon imperial front than they can
hope to gain by the pursuit of
(mostly illusory) sectional ad-
vantage.

Least of all it is the great body
of users whose interests do not
appear to have entered the calcula-
tion at any stage.

The one certain beneficiary is
the United States who is being
handed on a plate the opportunity
to realize her long cherished am-
bition of ousting British sup-
remacy in the field of telecom-
munications.

Britain and the empire stand to
lose all along the line under this
disruptive reform.

To socialists an ounce of na-
tionalisation is worth a pound of
practical advantage achieved un-
der private auspices.

Let others with a more realistic
outlook be clear in their minds that
this whole scheme is nothing short
of a first class national disaster.

DUKE OF WINDSOR

Paris, Jan. 6.
The Duke of Windsor, who will
leave soon to pay a brief visit
to England, will not be accom-
panied by his Duchess, his secret-
ary said to-day.—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

One of the players committed a
Bridge Crime in to-day's hand:
see if you can spot both the crime
and the criminal!

South Dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

S-9 4 2
H-Q 8 5
D-A Q 7 6
C-9 4

S-7 6
H-K 10 7 4 3
D-8 3 2
C-K Q J
N
W
S
E
S-8 8
H-9 6 4
D-K 6
C-A 10 7 6
2 3

S-A K Q J 10 8
H-A J
D-10 9 4
C-8

The bidding:
South West North East
1 S Pass 2 D Pass
4 S Pass 5 S Pass

West opened the King of clubs,
holding the trick. He continued
with the Queen of clubs and then
shifted to the eight of diamonds.
Declarer dressed and East won
with the King of diamonds. East
returned the nine of hearts, but
South put up the heart Ace, drew
trumps, and discarded his heart
loser on one of dummy's long dia-
monds.

Something slipped somewhere,
but what was it and who was re-
sponsible? Try to find out for
yourself before you read any more.

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TOJO TRIAL TRIBUNAL IN DOUBT

Tokyo, Jan. 6.
With the prosecution's case
against General Hideki Tojo and
his Cabinet members shaping up
rapidly and the trials expected
to start shortly after the middle
of February, the composition of
the International Tribunal to try
the Japan war leaders still has
not been decided, a source close
to General MacArthur said to-day.

While some persons have been
discussed for membership in the
new Court no names have been
submitted to the Supreme Com-
mander for consideration, this
source said.

General MacArthur, as Supreme
Commander of the Allied Occupa-
tion Forces, will determine the
composition and complexion of the
Court for which other countries
have been asked to make nomina-
tions. This source said that nor-
mally Courts appointed by a Mil-
itary Commander are Military
Commissions or Military Courts.

Indictments against Tojo and
others are expected to be returned
shortly.—Associated Press.

NOTIFICATION

The Commander-in-Chief has
appointed Mr. J. H. Taggart,
O.B.E., to be Industrial Adviser
to the British Military Adminis-
tration, Hong Kong.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an
Extraordinary General Meeting
of all members will be held on
Thursday, 10th January 1946 at
5.15 p.m. at the club premises,
First Floor, Queen's Building:-

1. To pass the minutes of the
last Extraordinary General
Meeting.
2. To amend Article 4 of the
Constitution.
3. To amend Article 5a and
5b of the Constitution.

By order of the Committee.
O. C. LEOW,
Hon. Secretary.

3rd January, 1946.

HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB

By kind permission a closed
business session luncheon will
be held at the Officers Club on
Tuesday 8th January. All
Rotarians who wish to renew
their association with Rotary
are asked to be present. Kindly
advise the undersigned by noon
on Monday 7th January.

E. J. R. MITCHELL
Lt.-Col.
Tel: 32305.

HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A Special Meeting of the
Members of the above Chamber
will be held in the Board Room
of Jardine Matheson & Company
Limited Pedder Street, Hong
Kong, at 5.30 o'clock in the
afternoon on Wednesday, the
23rd January, 1946. The object
of the Meeting is to appoint a
General Committee of ten persons,
Members of the Chamber.

Nominations for membership
of the General Committee are
invited and should be sent to the
undersigned on or before
Saturday, the 12th January, 1946.

Nominations must be in
writing and supported by the
names of six Members of the
Chamber and the nominees must
be British and members of
British Firms or Companies and
must state their willingness to
serve on the General Committee
in writing at the time of their
nomination.

After a General Committee
has been elected the Meeting
will be opened to the discussion
of the affairs of the Chamber
in general.

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A Preliminary Scouters Train-
ing Course will begin on
Tuesday, 8th Jan. 1946 at 8
p.m., at the old City Hall
Building, 1st floor. The Course
will extend over four weeks,
twice weekly on Tuesdays and
Fridays. All interested kindly
communicate with Deputy Col-
ony Commissioner c/o 13th
H. K. Chinese Y.M.C.A.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

NOTICE

Frontier Bridge

The frontier road Bridge at
HEUNG TUNG will be closed
to all traffic from 6.00 p.m. 10th
January until 9.00 a.m. 11th
January for repairs.

R. C. de M. Leathers, R. M.
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
H. Q. Land Forces, Hong Kong.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

MEDICAL BRANCH

NOTICE

The Public is again reminded
of the necessity for boiling fresh
milk before consumption as the
pasteurising plants are not yet
in operation.

Raw milk may carry various
types of infection and the fact that
the milk is in bottles should not
be regarded as a guarantee of its
safety.

J. P. FEHLY, Col.,
D. D. M. S. (A.)

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

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Midwives.

With reference to my notice
of 31st December, 1945, con-
cerning registration of midwives,
it is hereby notified that the
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to the Secretary, Midwives Board,
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J. P. FEHLY, Col.,
D.D.M.S. (C.A.),
January 4th, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG.

NOTICE

POLICE AND PRISONS

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PASSPORT OFFICE

It is notified for information
that the telephone number of the
Passport Office is 39493.

C. H. SANSOM,
Colonel C.A. (Police),
Hong Kong.
4th January, 1946.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, (HONG KONG.)

POLICE AND PRISONS

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PASSPORT OFFICE

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C. H. SANSOM,
Colonel,
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31st December, 1945.

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ECHO OF LINDBERGH BABY CRIME

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 6. MANNFRIED HAUTMANN, 12-YEAR-OLD SON OF THE LATE MURDERER OF THE LINDBERGH BABY, HAS BEEN NAMED A BENEVOLENT IN THE WILL OF AN ELDERLY SPINSTER.

The will of Miss Emilie Kurtz, of East Orange, bequeathed Bruno Hauptmann's son, Miss Kurtz's young account with the Central Savings Bank, downtown branch, New York City.

In her will, Miss Kurtz commented on the Hauptmann bequest as follows:

"In making this bequest, I state that while I do not know either him or any member of his family, I have for some time been of the opinion that this lad is and will continue to be handicapped in life and should like to extend to him some aid in his unusual struggle for existence."

Bank officials declined to give the total in the account, but sources close to the family estimated Young Hauptmann would receive about \$500.

Miss Kurtz, of German descent, died on Nov. 4 at the age of 85.

Her will also included bequests to educational and charitable institutions in the United States (Germany, Spain, Turkey, and Italy). The estate is estimated at \$100,000. Associated Press.

AMERICAN SECURITY PACT PLANS

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 6. Brazil is going ahead with plans for holding an inter-American conference, once postponed at the request of the United States, with the object of writing a hemisphere security pact.

Foreign Minister Pedro Lobo Veloso hopes to set the date for late March.

Apparently Argentina will participate unless there should be some joint hemisphere action requesting that she refrain from doing so.

The original date set was October 20, but the United States announced then that she was not willing to sit in the same room as the Argentine. Associated Press.

U.N.O. HEADQUARTERS

New York, Jan. 6. The United Nations Organisation Site Committee arrived in New York today on a survey mission.

They will survey the East seaboard to find a site for the permanent home of the United Nations Organisation. Reuter.

London, Jan. 6. The Hiltensham Radio said yesterday that the Netherlands Government has set Dutch claims of war reparations from Germany at 5,000,000,000 Guilders. Associated Press.

NOTICE

DR. S. S. RAMLER has removed his office from Exchange Bldg., 3rd floor, to WINDSOR HOUSE, 5th floor. Tel. 26545-23379.

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100 Liberty Ships For Japs

Tokyo, Jan. 6. Informed sources reported today that 100 Liberty ships will be turned over to the Japanese for repatriation of Japanese 'hills' in China and South Sea points.

It is understood that Japanese crews would man the vessels under an agreement. No estimate is given on the number of Japanese to be repatriated.

High Allied officials confirmed reports that the ships will be used to supplement the landing ships now repatriating Japanese troops and civilians from China and Korea.

The Liberties will be probably used first between China and Japan.

Reconverting ships for use by the Japanese is a tremendous task. It was reported, since the now existing American markings must be stamped out and replaced with Japanese figures.

Japanese crews will be recruited both from former Japanese merchantmen and navy ranks. Associated Press.

Lebanon Opposes Levant Accord

Beirut, Jan. 6. The Lebanese Government reiterated its demand today for a speedy evacuation of all foreign troops and said it would refuse to permit the establishment of any foreign military base within its territory.

A government statement said it would not permit any foreign power to obtain a preponderant position in Lebanon, and it was indicated here that the Lebanese-United Nations delegation would take steps, the nature of which was not disclosed, to attain those demands.

The British-French agreement on the Levant provides for the withdrawal of troops from Syria, French troops being scheduled to be moved to bases in Lebanon. Associated Press.

KIWIS PLAY AT CARDIFF

Cardiff, Jan. 5. A crowd of 28,000, including Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and General Freyberg, V.C., watched one of the titbits of the season in the Rugby match today between a New Zealand Army touring team, the Kiwis, and Wales.

It was a forward battle with the Kiwis at their own game of clean handling and keen tackling. The Kiwis were lucky when a penalty kick went inches wide.

At half-time neither side had scored. Reuter.

SLAYING OF PRIESTS ALLEGED

Vatican City, Jan. 6. An unofficial news service bulletin here today quoted an unnamed Croatian who recently fled from Yugoslavia as saying that 615 priests have been killed in Yugoslavia.

The bulletin added that "religious persecution continues as strongly as before." Associated Press.

POPE'S ENCYCLICAL

Vatican City, Jan. 6. The Pope today issued an Encyclical letter appealing for aid for homeless children and war orphans.

He said there are up to 1,000,000 children who lack the necessities of life and are suffering from cold, hunger and disease. Associated Press.

ROYAL NAVY OFF TO FINE START

ROYAL NAVY FOOTBALL TEAMS WERE IN THE LIMELIGHT IN THE OPENING GAMES OF THE REHABILITATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE OVER THE WEEK-END WHEN THEIR "B" TEAM SCORED A MERITORIOUS WIN OVER KWONG WAH AND THEIR "A" HELD A FORMIDABLE EASTERN TEAM TO A DRAW.

THE EXHIBITIONS OF THE CHINESE TEAMS WERE MOST DISAPPOINTING WHILE THE CIVILIAN "A" AND "B" TEAMS, THOUGH BEATEN BY SOUTH CHINA AND ROYAL ENGINEERS, RESPECTIVELY, GIVE PROMISE OF DEVELOPING UP TO GOOD SIDES.

Yesterday South China beat Civilian "A" by two clear goals but their display was not at all impressive and with a full and fit team Civilian "A" would have won.

POOR FOOTBALL

In a game devoid of excitement Civilian "A" went down by two clear goals to South China in the Rehabilitation Football League on the Sookunpoo ground.

The game was of a low standard and mediocre soccer was witnessed by a fairly large attendance. Though defeated, the Civilian team put up a good show.

They were one man short through-out, losing their goalie, Macdonald, early in the game. Macdonald broke a finger in trying to stop Lee Tak-ke's spot kick.

The losers undoubtedly lacked practice but there were occasions on which they showed possibilities. They possessed a strong defence with Collier a tower of strength as centre-half. Collier's balls from the wings and should make a name for himself locally. A speedy and fast forward, he was a great scorer.

Hussain and D. Leonard were a pair of sturdy backs though the latter did not last the course. Hussain, who deputised for Macdonald, gave a creditable performance and only let one shot past him.

A. W. Lock, who has played good class soccer at Home, appeared more steady in the earlier stages but improved immensely in the second half. Among the forwards Bertie Gosano worked hard but lacked support, especially so when Rocha dropped back to the defence where he played a big part in stopping Lee Tak-ke.

South China had two new comers, from Macao, in Tang Yee-ki and Tam Kar-chun, who made a reputation in the Portuguese port. They played a good game, individually, but have yet to show better understanding of the other forwards.

The main strength of South China lay in their intermediate line where Leung Wing-chiu and his wing halves, Kwok Yanki and Lau Wing-kwok, offered perfect coverage. The "Kam-hung" was the better of the two backs while Sammy Tsang had an easy afternoon between the posts.

Play opened evenly with the Chinese showing better combination. Chow Man-chi initiating some nice movements. Hussain and Leonard, however, were ever a stumbling block.

After about 10 minutes play the Chinese were awarded a penalty for a foul against Hussain. Lee Tak-ke's nothing from the free kick. Macdonald in attempting to reach the ball broke a finger of his right hand.

The standard in the second half, if anything was poorer than the first. Civilian "A" suffered more injuries and no less than three players were seen leaving the field to this they made several gallant efforts to break through. Menie Xaylor was seen in some individual moves, and was the only player to test Tsang—the only shot sent in by the losing forwards.

The Chinese second goal came late in the second half. Tam Kar-chun heading in following a scrimmage.

The teams were:—
South China: Sammy Tsang; Lau Yu-shun, Tse Kam-hung; Kwok Yanki, Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Wing-kwok; Tam Kar-chun, Tang Yee-ki, Lee Tak-ke, Chow Man-chi and Lee Tin-kee.
Civilian "A": T. Macdonald; Hussain, Leonard; A. W. Lock, A. Collier, T. Alves; M. Xavier, R. Rocha, B. Gosano, J. Pereira and H. Mathias.

BY THE ODD GOAL

A high standard of football was witnessed at King's Park when Royal Navy "B" beat Kwong Wah by 2-2.

Navy gave a very good display, and their forwards showed excellent combination. The sailors attacked right from the beginning but odd work on the part of Ho Ka-keung whistled off every attack.

About ten minutes from the start, Poonan notified from 20 yards. Five minutes later Poonan, from the right corner, centred to Morgan who wasted no time.

Towards the end of the first half Cheuk Shek-kam scored through a penalty. Two minutes later Poonan notified another and made the score 3-2.

The Chinese started off the second half with a burst of energy and were on the offensive for some time. However their forwards lacked combination and missed many chances.

Morgan, Navy, centre-forward,

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

South China	2	Civilians 'A'	0
Lee Tak-ke			
Tam Kar-chun			
Royal Navy 'B'	3	Kwong Wah	2
Yeoman (2)		Cheuk Shek-kam and Fung Kwan-shing	
Porteous			

hurt his right knee but stayed on 'tough' obliged to leave the field for a few minutes on many occasions.

About five minutes before the end, Wong King-chung centred and Fung Kwan-shing made no mistake two yards from the goal. Griffiths' hit the post with a terrific drive and the game ended with the Navy leading 3-2.

Wong King-chung was the outstanding player on the field followed by Poonan and Crawford. Six of the Navy team were from the "Nabateen".

Kwong Wah were below their usual standard as a number of their stars were playing for other Chinese teams.

The teams were:—
Royal Navy 'B': Bax; Hogge; Lodge; Willis; Benson; Poonan (Captain); Porteous; Crawford; Morgan; Fung and Griffiths.
Kwong Wah: Lee Kwok-ki; Wong Shuk-ke; Ho Ka-keung; Chang Yun-ki; Lau Chung-kwan; Yeung Tse-cheung; Ho Ying-fun; Lau Wing-kui; Fung Kwan-shing; Cheuk Shek-kam and Wong King-chung.

The following is the Soccer programme for the coming week-end:—
SATURDAY, JANUARY 12
South China v. R. Engineers
(Sookunpoo ground, at 3.30 p.m.)
Reference:—Sgt. Pollitt.
Linesmen:—P. O. Noble and F. A. Barretto.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
R.A.F. v. Navy 'B'
(Recro ground, at 3.30 p.m.)
Reference:—E. K. Ip.
Linesmen:—A. Adhead and L/S. T. Mullins.
Civilian 'A' v. 44 R.M. Cdo.
(Sookunpoo ground, at 3.30 p.m.)
Reference:—A. McKirdy.
Linesmen:—L. V. G. Young and A/C. Roberts.

Eastern v. Kwong Wah
(Navy ground, at 3.30 p.m.)
Reference:—C.F.O. Bartlett.
Linesmen:—Lac. J. Anderson and A. R. Samy.

BASKETBALL

The visiting Canton Youth Corps team continued their winning streak and defeated a formidable Chinese "Y" team by 45-33 at the "Y" gym on Saturday night.

Seldom have local fans seen such good basketball as has been put up by the visitors. They are meeting the New First Army in their final game.

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The Canton Youth Association retained their unbeaten record by beating the Chinese First Army by 44-43 last night.

In the last few minutes, the Chinese Army were leading by one point, but just before the end, Lee Tak-nien scored with a good shot to give the side victory.

REPLACEMENTS FOR NORTH CHINA MARINES

Tientsin, Jan. 6. More than 5,000 Marine officers and men will sail for Home about Jan. 10 aboard the U.S.S. "Wakefield," a fast army transport, after the ship delivers an equal number of replacements.

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Members of the Civilian football teams are requested to turn out for practice to-morrow and Thursday at Sookunpoo at 5 p.m.

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WAY FOONG NOSED OUT

(By "ONLOOKER")

Before a large crowd of softball fans and beauties yesterday's two softball League tilts saw the Way Foong taken out from the aspired ranks of the undefeated by Doc. Moithen's "Playboy" Basebatters 7-5 in a nine innings encounter, while the Madcaps claim to be among the top-notchers was powerfully augmented with an overwhelming victory over a much depleted Cyclone contingent 8-7.

Play in the Way Foong-Baseballers tussle in the first six frames was a ding-in-a-dong-in with the lead changing hands again and again. Then came a blazing "pong-pong"—that was the signal for the "Playboy" Basebatters concentrated hitting attack! The score was 5-5 when the Basebatters were at the end of the seventh and eighth cantos.

In the ninth inning, the Basebatters pushed out dummy after dummy which had the Way Foong infield wild! The Way Foong boys were sure wild and the Basebatters went haywire with glee! At the end of this rough and tumble, with the Way Foong as the stars, the Basebatters had scored two tallies which put the game on ice.

Dave "Bambino" Leonard was the apple of the Ball Fans eyes—and incidentally of the Misses' eyes too!—when he made in spectacular fashion a double play at third base. He and Arturo "Lil' Mite" Ozorio and Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard turned in a display which was more than worthy of the confidence placed in them and shone much brighter than the rising sun, whilst Bertie and Gerry Gosano were the spotlight of the game for the losers.

Though beaten credit must be given to the Way Foong for having used such a roaring good fight. It was a real fighting bid by a hard fighting outfit. Better luck next time.

Displaying terrific slugging prowess the Madcaps busted their jinx when they emerged victorious over the Cyclone with a 8-7 win. The loser opened up with a dash, "Skelly" Razack scoring a mighty grand-slam parade, but the winners replied with an equal amount of runs right up till the end of the seventh, in which the score was 7-7.

In the eighth the losers, however, failed in the pinch when they allowed one Madcap tally to cross the platter and thus gave them their decisive run.

Sheriff Buckle, that dynamic live-wire all-rounder of "International Series" fame, gave a brilliant display at third for the losers whilst Robbie Rocha, Avichi Yvanovich and Claude' Hollands were outstanding for the winners.

Scores:—
H.K. Baseball Club:—
R 0 2 0 2 1 0 0 2—7 runs
H 1 1 0 0 2 1 0 0—6 hits
Way Foong:—
R 0 0 0 2 0 2 1 0—5 runs
H 0 1 0 2 0 1 1 0—6 hits
Cyclones:—
R 1 0 3 0 1 1 1 0—7 runs
H 1 0 1 1 0 3 2 0—3 hits
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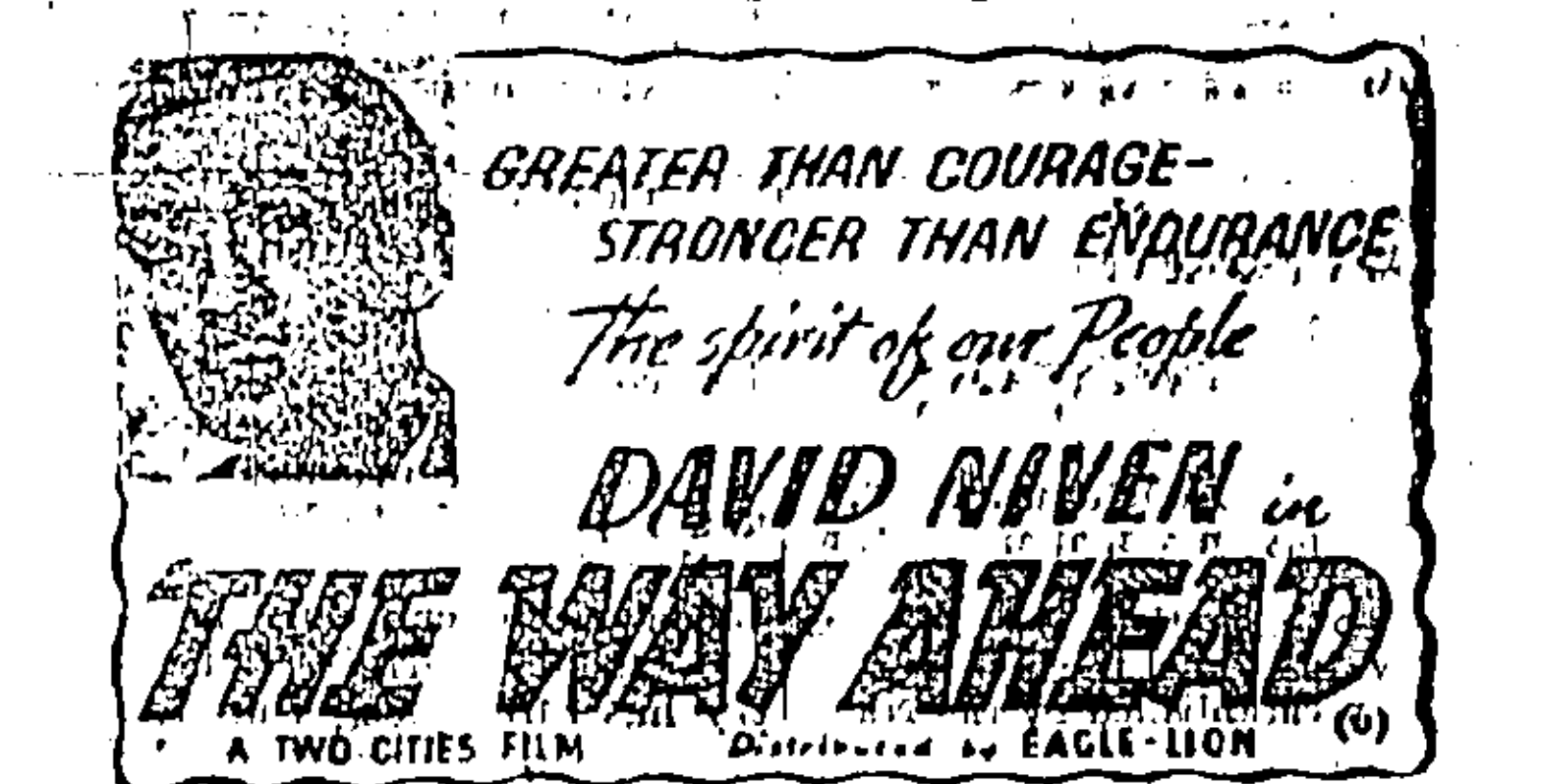
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At 2.30, 6.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.
GEORGE MONTGOMERY
IN
ZANE GREY'S
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A 20th Century-Fox Picture

TO-MORROW
DENNIS MORGAN MERLE MORGAN RITA HAYWORTH
IN
"They're all AFFECTIONATELY YOURS"

ALHAMBRA THEATRE
TO-DAY & TO-MORROW
at 2.30, 6.00, 7.00 & 9.00 p.m.
WARNER BAXTER
IN
"ROBIN HOOD OF EL DORADO"
WITH MARGO
AN M-G-M PICTURE
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M-G-M'S
"DRAGON SEED"

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TO-DAY ONLY
At 2.30, 5.00, 7.00 & 9.00 p.m.
LORETTA YOUNG ALIAN LADD WILLIAM BENDIX
"CHINA"
A VIVID STORY OF THE CHINESE DRAMATIC EFFORT TO WIN THE WAR INTERWOVEN WITH ROMANCE!
A Paramount Picture
TO-MORROW
MARGARET LOCKWOOD JAMES MASON
"THE MAN IN GREY"

CATHAY
To-day at 2.30, 6.15, 7.15 & 9.15
MARGARET LINDSAY
in
"HELL'S KITCHEN"
With The Dead End Kids

CANTON TAXATION
Canton, Jan. 6. An order of the Bureau of Direct Taxation states that an inheritance tax is now in force on all estates of over C.N.\$100,000. The rate is on a sliding scale, and rises from one per cent. on amounts up to C.N.\$300,000 to 10 per cent. on amounts of over C.N.\$1,000,000.—Our Our Correspondent.

A meeting of the Management Committee of the Rehabilitation Football League will be held to-morrow at 5.15 in the office of Messrs. Lo and Lo.

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4 SHOWS: 2.30-6.15-7.15-9.15
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New Film Just Arrived!
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IT'S ALL ABOUT THE GREY FROM GERMANY
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"THE LIVES OF A BEGGAR LANCER"

30 Coupons—But They Don't Make A Well-Dressed Woman

New Drops In American Point Scores

Honolulu, Jan. 6. The Army newspaper "Stars and Stripes" today said that another drop in critical point scores for Navy personnel through March 2 has been established by the Navy Department.

The newspaper reported that point scores for male enlisted personnel with the exception of unclassified rates will drop to 33 on Feb. 15, and 32 on March 2. Enlisted male madmen points will drop to 34 on Feb. 15, and thereafter will be the same as the unrestricted male enlisted personnel.

Male commissioned warrant officers, except officers classified in the medical corps and naval aviators in flight status, will be 40 points on Feb. 15, and 39 on March 2. Male medical corps officers scores will be 49 on March 2. Naval ensigns in flight status will remain at 29. Discharge points for aviators above the rank of ensign will be 27 on Feb. 15, and 26 on March 2.

Male specialists in shore patrol who are key watch operators will be eligible for discharge on Feb. 15 and thereafter at the score for unrestricted male personnel.

Male C. B. divers, divers, divers, water tenders, machinist and electronic rates, scores will be 33 on Feb. 15, and 32 on March 2.

Other qualifications vary between 35 and 40. Associated Press.

ARABS ADAMANT

Cairo, Jan. 6. Abdul Rahman Azam Bey, Secretary-General of the Pan Arab League, today said that the Arab states would not accept any peace treaty in which they do not participate. He protested against the exclusion of the Arab states from the Peace Conference for Germany's satellites, planned by the Moscow Foreign Ministers' Conference. Associated Press.

Hunt For Slayers Of U.S. Airmen

TOKYO, JAN. 6. AMERICAN AUTHORITIES ARE CONDUCTING A SEARCH FOR THE JAPANESE WHO ARE BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXECUTION OF 38 B-29 CREWMEN WHO BAILED OUT OVER THE NAGOYA AREA LAST SUMMER.

Seventy American airmen are known to have fallen at Nagoya, Japan's hard hit third city. Investigation showed that 44 have survived. Only six were made prisoners of war, while the remaining 38 were executed.

U.S. Troops Get Restive

Frankfurt, Jan. 6. General Joseph MacNarny, Commander of the United States forces in Germany, today announced that the original estimate for the occupation forces would be reduced by 75,000 troops to a total of 300,000 men by July 1. American soldiers protested against MacNarny's announcement of the slow-down of troop shipments home, charging a demand to know why "military necessity" required their delayed presence in Germany.

Soldiers with high and low point scores asserted that the Army in using them inefficiently and maintained that Germany could be occupied with less troops. Associated Press.

Joint Palestine Commission Meets

London, Jan. 6. The British-American Palestine Commission will begin discussions in Washington tomorrow regarding the question of a Jewish national home in Palestine.

The Commission, consisting of six British and six American members, will hear evidence from twenty-five witnesses, including Zionists, anti-Zionists, Christians and Jews.

Later, the Commission will break up into sub-committees to study the Jewish problems in Palestine and Europe.

There will also discuss the charges made by General Morgan, head of the U.N.R.R.A. in Germany, who recently asserted that the Jews were making a second exodus from Europe.

It is reported that General Morgan has been asked to resign his post. Reuter.

Paris, Jan. 6. The French Ministry of Production gave the French people a Christmas and New Year present of 30 clothing coupons per head. The present, like most presents in France now, was modest enough for these 30 coupons are by no means equivalent to 30 British clothing coupons.

To buy one coat in France, 120 coupons are needed while a skirt requires 18. For a woman, 30 coupons represent one skirt and a pair of stockings.

Nor do these coupons include shoes which can only be bought on a special permit. The Ministry has announced that the general quota of walking shoes is to be more than doubled, which is none too soon since there is scarcely a pair of walking shoes to be had in Paris.

The drastic clothing shortage in France is primarily due to the general industrial stoppage which hits the clothing industry particularly hard as it is not scheduled as an "essential".

The new electricity restrictions will reduce the working week in the industry to three days, but on the other hand, there is room for optimism in the resumed imports of wool and cotton, and the building up of important stocks in the northern industrial regions of the country.

"FLEA MARKET"

One remarkable fact about the clothing situation in France is that now, after eight months of peace, the army and administration still consume 60 per cent of raw material. A return to normal conditions, however, is in sight, for it is stated that an order for 13,500,000 yards of material passed by the French and American military authorities and by the French administration to the clothing manufacturers will be filled by next summer. By the end of 1946, the average Frenchman may hope for a new suit to replace his present patched and shiny garments.

With regard to this question of suits, worn and dirty uni-

forms are being sold by American soldiers leaving France to be demobilized at something like 35 francs a kilo (H.K.\$3 for two pounds of clothing). These uniforms, cleaned and disinfected, are turning up at the Paris "Flea Market" (Paris's Caldonian Market) and priced between 600 to 700 francs (H.K.\$48 to \$66).

Meanwhile, the Paris fashion shops openly sell all kinds of luxury clothes which cost a fortune.

One frock in Paris's Bond Street costs more than what an unskilled worker earns in two months. And for these there is no need to worry about ration books or austerity standards. Reuter.

China Cease Fire Agreement

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tails on the discussion over that controversy.

He said he could not tell when the "cease fire" order would be issued.

The text of the agreement announced, as translated by Wu, is:

"With regard to procedures for the cessation of hostilities and the restoration of communications, submitted respectively, the sides have reached an agreement. In accordance with procedures agreed upon, they have nominated Gen. Chang Chun for the Government and Chou En-lai for the Communist Party to confer with each other for carrying out the procedures." Associated Press.

"CRISIS" AVERTED

Chungking, Jan. 6. The official spokesman of the Democratic League, Lo Lung-chi, today revealed that a split in the League has been averted by giving the Youth Party, one of its constituent members, an additional voice in its proceedings.

Lo Lung-chi hinted that the Youth Party was in favour of supporting the Government in negotiations with the Communists. He said the League was "to some extent" optimistic over prospects of a successful conclusion of the unity conference. Associated Press.

COMMUNISTS ANNOYED

Chungking, Jan. 6. Communist quarters in Chungking today said that a written protest would be presented to the government if the Nationalists failed to halt their thrusts into Jehol. The statement was made as the Nationalists claimed further gains including the capture of Peking on the Chienhsien-Chengtung railroad, 60 miles northwest of Chinghsien.

Meanwhile the country waited the Government's response to the note in which the Communists agreed "in general" with its true proposals but required the lifting of the Nationalist blockade of Communist areas and restoration of all means of communication.

In Chungking, Lo Lung-chi, official spokesman for the Democratic League, described the Communist reply as fair and said "we hope the two sides can come to an agreement. General Marshall's influence can help a great deal."

Lo Lung-chi, however, objected to American help in the movement of Nationalist troops into Manchuria. He suggested the Communists should move out of Manchuria and the Nationalists halt their own advance and police forces to preserve order there until a final political settlement is reached. Associated Press.

Sir Fredk. Morgan Ordered Home

LONDON, JAN. 6. SIR FREDERICK MORGAN, HEAD OF U.N.R.R.A. IN GERMANY, WHO WAS ASKED TO RESIGN BECAUSE OF A PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT HE MADE ABOUT JEWISH REFUGEES, HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO LONDON, AN U.N.R.R.A. SPOKESMAN SAID YESTERDAY.

He said Morgan would be succeeded temporarily by his deputy, Brig-Gen. Arthur McDonald Stawell.

A Paris message says that France's leading anti-racist organization yesterday charged Sir Frederick Morgan with "anti-Semitism" for his remarks last week on Jewish displaced persons.

At the same time, the organization, the French Central Committee of the International League, against Racism and

Pres. Grant's Silk Cargo

San Francisco, Jan. 6. The first raw silk shipment from the Orient since the war arrived in San Francisco Saturday aboard the American President line ship, freighter, S.S. "President Grant."

The ship made the trip with 600 bales of silk from Hong Kong in 16 days. Company officials said they believed it a record trip for a cargo carrier of the Grant's type. Associated Press.

SHANGHAI COTTON MILLS

Shanghai, Jan. 6. Spinning and weaving mills formerly owned by the Japanese, will soon start operating here again under the management of the newly formed China Spinning and Weaving Construction Company.

This organization, which has taken over more than 900,000 cotton spindles and 40,000 woolen spindles, aims at stepping up output to supply millions of Chinese. It is stated.

One problem facing the mills is that of raw material. It is pointed out, however, that the large quantities of relief goods from America will do much to solve the difficulty.

Another problem is motive power. The present available power will only operate half the 2,000,000 spindles needed to work the mills full time. Reuter.

U.S.-JAPAN PHONE SERVICE

Tokyo, Jan. 6. First telephone calls from Japan to the United States will be placed on Jan. 11 by military and accredited civilian personnel on emergency business. Major-General S. B. Atkin, chief civil communications officer, said today.

The calls will cost 180 yen (US\$12) for three minutes and 60 yen for every additional minute and be handled by a Japanese commercial firm. Associated Press.

Warning Against Vacillation

WASHINGTON, JAN. 6. "THE WASHINGTON POST" TODAY SAID THAT AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IS HOLDING UP THE DEMOCRATIZATION OF JAPAN AND WORLD CONFIDENCE GENERALLY. COMMENTING IN AN EDITORIAL ON GENERAL MACARTHUR'S OCCUPATION REPORT, THE "POST" CALLED ATTENTION TO THE GENERAL'S STATEMENT THAT DEMOCRATIC JAPANESE LEADERS WERE HESITANT IN ASSUMING GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES BECAUSE OF THEIR FEAR OF HOW LONG AMERICAN FORCES WOULD BE IN JAPAN "TO PROTECT THEM."

The "Post" added: "The discontinuity of our foreign policy is historic" and urged administrative assurance that Americans will remain in Japan long enough "to see democracy really take root."

The paper said that permanent occupation of Japan was "neither contemplated nor would it be wise," but concluded: "An ephemeral occupation of Japan would not help her; it would certainly not help us and it would be a world tragedy."

Turning to the subject of the

Anglo-Siamese Peace Treaty, the paper said that it should go a long way towards eliminating the suspicion that Britain intends to transform Siam into a British colony.

The paper said that Siamese Sovereignty is not infringed and the treaty was questionable only in two particulars—Siam is required to make large quantities of rice available to Britain and is prohibited from exporting rice, tin, rubber and tea except in accordance with recommendations of the Combined Boards in Washington.

The paper said: These provisions may work hardships on Siam but since Siam "at least cooperated nominally with Japan" it "would seem justifiable" and best for the nation to be prevented from gaining trade advantage over other South-East Asia territories which suffered under the Japanese occupation and have not yet been able to resume trade. Associated Press.

Violence Flares Up In U.S. Strikes

New York, Jan. 6. The strike tension in the United States has increased with an outbreak of violence in two New Jersey factories, where a number of people were injured.

A minor flare-up occurred at General Motors building at Detroit. Fresh strike threats have

BLACK MARKET WAR

Remarkable Business Along Swiss Frontier

Rising Toll Of Casualties

A small-scale guerilla war is in progress on the snow-capped mountains of the Italo-Swiss frontier region where large bands of armed Italian smugglers are trying to infiltrate into Switzerland.

Not a single day passes without skirmishes on the desolate mountain tracks between smugglers and frontier guards and there is a rising toll of dead and wounded on both sides.

The Swiss authorities state bluntly that in spite of harsh winter conditions with the threat of avalanches—a number of bands have already been buried—contraband activities are increasing. The smugglers are also reported to be receiving increasing help from the Swiss population living in the frontier area.

The main commodities brought into Switzerland are rice and sugar, which are stringently rationed here, while coffee and tobacco which are plentiful in Switzerland are taken back to Italy where they fetch fantastic prices on the Black Market.

This traffic has reached such proportions that the authorities have been forced to rush special frontier guard squads from the northern frontier to the south to cope with the smugglers.

WOMEN RAPED

The Federal Government in Bern is also considering sending regular army detachments to reinforce the frontier guards who have already been issued with sub-machineguns and are accompanied by bloodhounds on their patrols.

Their task is hampered, however, by the hostile attitude of the local Swiss population which is making a considerable financial profit out of this traffic.

Huge secret mountain cave dumps of coffee and sugar have been set up to supply the demands of the Italian smugglers. Although the majority of the Swiss frontier population is willing to cooperate with the Italians, there have been numerous ugly incidents during which

Berne, Jan. 6. The Swiss were forced to take part in smuggling operations at the point of the gun.

Peasants who did not show the necessary "willingness" have even been murdered. There have also been cases of raping Swiss women in the course of their expeditions.

The Swiss customs authorities have issued a stern warning to the population that severe penalties will be imposed on anyone participating in the smuggling traffic.

People evading Customs duties will have to pay fines up to 30 times the amount of duty avoided, and prison sentences will be imposed in serious cases. Reuter.

PATTERSON'S HOLIDAY

Tokyo, Jan. 6. U.S. Secretary of War Patterson left the Japanese capital at 10.00 a.m. today to spend some days at the mountain shrine city of Nikko, 90 miles north of Tokyo.

Patterson conferred at length last night with General MacArthur after spending a day studying problems of the occupation with the chiefs of special sections of Allied Headquarters.

The subject of Patterson's discussion with MacArthur was not disclosed. Associated Press.

Osmena-Roxas Rift Widens

MANILA, JAN. 6. A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT POSTPONEMENT OF PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE WILL BE ONE OF THE MAIN ISSUES IN THE COMING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN IS INDICATED AS THE RIFT BETWEEN PRESIDENT SERGIO OSMENA AND MANUEL ROXAS WIDENED.

Roxas left by plane for a tour of the Northern provinces and announced prior to his departure that his "liberal" wing of the Nacionalista Party would hold its convention in Manila on January 19.

Osmena went ahead with plans to hold a "regular" Nacionalista Party convention at a later date in January than the Roxas faction.

Leader of the Osmena campaign, Jose A. Vera said that Roxas' terms for rapprochement with Osmena have proved "unacceptable" and the Osmenistas are going ahead with plans for the convention without them, with Osmena as an active candidate.

It is reported here that Osmena has decided on Carlos P. Romulo, Resident Philippine Commissioner in the United States, as his running mate on a regular ticket. Romulo is reported to be flying shortly to the Philippines for conferences on the subject. Associated Press.

Dog's Dream Of Paradise!

New York, Jan. 6. A dog's dream of paradise is about to come true for a big German shepherd which accompanied First Class Johnny Glynn of Massachusetts across Germany, Czechoslovakia and France.

Tiny, now 155 pounds of dog, was a puppy when Johnny picked him up on a battlefield. When the pet arrived in New York by ship from Le Havre, Johnny, a recently discharged veteran, was there with his wife to meet him.

Johnny told how a packing firm, after reading about Tiny in the newspapers, agreed to feed the dog for the rest of its life—free. Likewise, a retired farmer in Massachusetts offered to give Johnny and his wife a 120-acre farm as a permanent home for the dog.

Johnny had to leave the dog behind when he left Europe. He got him shipped across the Atlantic when dog lovers chipped in \$80 for ship's passage and the \$4 a day board for a month in Paris.

A dog's life hasn't been so bad for Tiny. Associated Press.

been reported from a number of places in the United States. Reuter.

Had A Whole Canteen!

A remarkable haul of chocolates, cigarettes, tobacco and other Nazi-type articles was made by police who raided a house in Wanchai last night.

Total value of the goods found on the premises was estimated at \$3,000. It is understood that police made one arrest.

Grim Facts About Okinawa

Honolulu, Jan. 6. The bloody battle of Okinawa, the last great victory of the American forces in the Pacific, cost 42,934 army casualties or 48 per cent of army combat troops participating in the campaign yesterday in a campaign breakdown.

The casualties do not include Marines or supporting Navy forces which both sustained very severe losses.

Among 100,383 army combat troops involved, 21,348 were battle casualties, plus 21,562 non-battle casualties—sickness, accidents and other disabilities unrelated to enemy action—one of every two infantryman became a casualty, one of every four casualties died and one of every twenty-one combat troops was killed.

Thirty-six per cent of Privates and thirty-seven per cent of Second Lieutenants became casualties. The percentage of enlisted men and officers battle casualties was about one out of every five. Japanese casualties of all categories totalled 130,000. Associated Press.

LOOTERS' "MORGUE" IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Jan. 6. Antiques, pictures and books, seized in large quantities from Japanese prisoners-of-war and civilians in the Shanghai-Nanking area, are to be housed in a Victory Museum here.

A preparatory committee, composed of representatives of various cultural organizations, is considering the site of the museum.

The proposed project, sponsored by Mayor Chien Ta-chun and General Tang En-po, Commander of the Third Area Army, is expected to materialize early in January. Reuter.

RADIO

MONDAY, JANUARY 7th, 1946. STUDIO-BAY WARREN (VOICEL) WITH HAL LORENZO AT THE PIANO.

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H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—Casual Club Orchestra.

12.45 p.m.—"Donald Dore."

1.00 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Chabrier—Cottillon—Ballet Music.

1.30 p.m.—The Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

3.00 p.m.—Glenn Miller & His Orchestra.

4.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

7.15 p.m.—B.A.F. Dance Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Studio—Ray Brown (Voice) with Hal E. Jones at the Piano.

8.00 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—"Musio Time."

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

9.30 p.m.—English Ballads and Popular Music.

9.55 p.m.—Orchestra of Conservatoire Paris.

10.00 p.m.—A Walsby Programme.

10.30 p.m.—Elton "Topsy" (Piano) and Nelson Miliatch (Violin).

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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